

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A drinking vessel comprising:

a body having a top, a base and a peripheral wall
5 upstanding from the base to the top and defining an
interior for containing liquid, the base having a
compartment that is sealed from the interior;

at least one light diffuser having upper and lower
ends and extending along the wall from the base to
10 substantially the top; and

a light source for illuminating said at least one
light diffuser, which is located in the base compartment
in close proximity to the lower end of the diffuser such
that light from the light source can enter the diffuser
15 at its lower end and travel upwards thereby illuminating
the entire diffuser.

2. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the body includes two said peripheral walls with one
20 surrounding the other, and the light diffuser is located
in a gap between the outer and inner walls.

3. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 2, wherein
the body comprises an inner body including the inner wall
25 and a first base wall together defining the interior, and

an outer body including the outer wall and a second base wall, the first and second base walls defining the base compartment therebetween.

5 4. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 3, wherein the light diffuser is fixed on the inner wall.

5. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light diffuser is an integral part of the wall.

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6. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light diffuser is substantially straight and upright.

7. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 1, including
15 a plurality of said light diffusers positioned at intervals around the body, and respective said light sources located in the base compartment for illuminating the light diffusers.

20 8. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 1, including a power source located in the base compartment for energizing the light source.

9. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 8, further
25 including an electronic control circuit located in the

base compartment for flashing the light source in a predetermined manner.

10. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 9, wherein
5 the power source, the control circuit and the light source are all supported by a support.

11. The drinking vessel as claimed in claim 3, including
a power source for energizing the light source and an
10 electronic control circuit for flashing the light source in a predetermined manner, wherein the power source, the control circuit and the light source are all supported by a support that is fixed to the first base wall.